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Latest News

States Eye Reduced Environmental Programs To Absorb FY18 Budget Cuts

State officials are signaling openness to cutting or significantly scaling back their environmental programs in order to absorb EPA's proposed massive fiscal year 2018 cut to grants that help states implement federal environmental laws and rules, with some states even weighing returning delegated EPA programs back to the agency.

Critics Say EPA's FY18 Cuts Undermine Trump Efforts To Boost Economy

The Trump administration's proposed budget for EPA is sparking push back from environmentalists and state officials who say the steep proposed cuts would actually impose significant costs on industries, communities and the broader economy, in contrast to administration promises that scaling back EPA rules would boost prosperity.

Amid Sea Of Cuts, FY18 Budget Seeks To Boost Funds For Reshaping EPA

Even as the White House is proposing to slash much of EPA's budget in fiscal year 2018, it is seeking an almost \$70 million increase compared to FY17 to encourage early retirements and cut the agency's workforce, as well as a smaller increase to implement its deregulatory efforts, which some observers have said could be threatened by the proposed cuts.

Budget Plan Severely Limits EPA Climate Work With No Sign Of Expansion

The Trump White House's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal calls for steep cuts to EPA's climate change policy and research, limiting the agency's climate work to greenhouse gas reporting and some existing GHG regulations while signaling that the agency does not intend to strengthen the climate programs it does maintain.

Seeing Appeal, Judge Rejects DOJ Bid To Stay Suit On Trump's 2-for-1 Order

U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss has denied the Justice Department's (DOJ) motion to stay litigation filed by environmentalists and other groups challenging the legality of President Donald Trump's executive order (EO) which requires EPA and

other agencies to identify two rules to repeal for every one new rule issued.

BOSC Chair Says Dismissals Show EPA 'Marginalization' Of Science Input

The chairman of EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) told a House Science Committee panel that the agency's decision not to reappoint nine of the board's 18 members is part of a broader pattern of "marginalization of science" by the Trump administration that goes beyond EPA, while conceding that the move was lawful.

White House Rejects Calls To Maintain Popular EPA Programs In FY18 Budget

The White House is doubling down on its plans to slash popular EPA programs in its just-released fiscal year 2018 budget proposal, offering justifications for the cuts that reject growing calls from lawmakers, industry and other groups who have been lobbying hard to preserve the funds.

Daily Feed

EPA defers to Ohio on Lake Erie impairment

EPA already approved some of Michigan's waters impaired but its failure to require similar listings for neighboring Ohio waters opens the door to litigation from environmentalists.

EPA delays landfill methane rules to reconsider select provisions

EPA will reconsider several provisions of the rules it says were added "without the benefit of public comment."

EPA, industry pursue settlement in waste generator rule case

EPA plans talks with industry groups to resolve their concerns about various provisions of the regulation, which generators have identified as a top deregulatory priority.

EPA further delays portions of Obama-era formaldehyde rule

EPA says the delay of various compliance deadlines in the formaldehyde air rule is necessary to give industry more time to meet the rule's requirements.

EWire: A daily news roundup

Some budget day news to start your morning. Plus: California is pushing ahead on climate policy, heightening tensions between Gov. Jerry Brown (D) and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Lawmakers seek to open EPA scientific integrity meeting

“We can think of no scientific or policy-based rationale for limiting invitations to a meeting on EPA Scientific Integrity to a relatively small number of individuals and organizations whose overall mix skews decidedly toward pro-regulation environmental activism,” the lawmakers say.

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